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PPROCUREMENT OF MILLET, MUSTARD AND GROUND NUT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of millet, mustard and ground nut procured in Rajasthan during the current year;

(b) the number of farmers benefited there from;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to ensure remunerative prices for the farmers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The procurement of Millet, Mustard and Groundnut in Rajasthan is indicated below:

Year (Marketing Season)	Commodity	Quantity Procured (in Mts.)
2001-02	Millet (spiked & Great)	36163
2002-03 (Rabi)	Mustard	353898
2001-02 (Kharif)	Groundnut	27795

(b): A large number of farmers have been benefited directly/indirect through the scheme.

(c) & (d): To ensure remunerative prices to the farmers, the Government fixes Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Millet, Groundnut and Mustard each year and undertakes price support operation through central nodal agencies in the event of market prices touching or falling below Minimum Support Price (MSP).For the crop year 2001-02, the MSP for Millet of Fair AverageQuality (FAQ) has been fixed at Rs.485 per qtl; for mustard (FAQ) at Rs.1300/- per qtl. and forgroundnut (FAQ) at Rs. 1340/- per qtl.Procurement operations for millet is conducted by the Food Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI) and that of Mustard and Groundnut by the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED).